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PASS TO JOHN L. MOORE, JR., PRESIDENT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN, VE
SUBJ: VENEZUELAN TAX ON EXIM BANK

REF: A) MR. MOORE'S LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR OF JUNE 30;
B) CARACAS 7181

1. FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE, HECTOR HURTADO (CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN INVESTMENT FUND, AND THEREFORE STILL PART OF THE GOV) TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM AND THAT THEY AGREE THAT EXIM SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY THE TAX. HURTADO SAID THAT WITH PRESENT AND FUTURE LOANS CARRYING A SPECIFIC EXONERATION, THE PROBLEM REALLY RESTS WITH THE PAST LOANS CURRENTLY BEING ASSESSED BY THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. THE PROBLEM THERE, HURTADO SAID, WAS THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE COULD NOT LEGALLY ISSUE A RETROACTIVE EXONERATION. THEREFORE WHAT THEY PROPOSED TO DO IS LET THE CONTRALORIA GO AHEAD AND MAKE ITS ASSESSMENTS AND THEN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL ABSORB THE PAYMENTS AND CROSS OFF THE TAX TRANSACTION IN A BOOKKEEPING TRANSACTION. THERE WOULD THEN BE NO NEED FOR ANY LEVY AGAINST THE REPAYMENTS OF THE EXIM BANK ITSELF. HURTADO PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE LETTER EXPLAINING WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO. HURTADO HAS GONE TO EUROPE TO HELP TO NEGOTIATE THE PORTUGUESE LOAN AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL ABOUT AUGUST 15 AT WHICH TIME WE WILL PRESS HIM FOR THE LETTER.

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